

“Pooled Funding at a Crossroads: A comprehensive review and analysis”

Co-hosted by Switzerland, ICVA and HERE-Geneva

Date	Wednesday 28 June, 09:00 to 11:00 CEST
Venue	Varembé Conference Centre (CCV), here
Registration	This is a hybrid event, please register here for in-person or online participation.

Pooled funding has become in recent years one of the go-to solutions to enhance the effectiveness of humanitarian action. The 2016 report of the High-Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing identified NGO-led and OCHA’s country-based pooled funds as an efficient solution to provide more support to national first responders. The Norwegian Refugee Council in its 2022 report “Pooled Funds: The New Humanitarian Silver Bullet?” highlighted the potential of these funding mechanisms to rapidly provide agile funding, support localization, reduce administrative burdens and enhance coordination. Due to their success, the numbers of funds and levels of financing managed by them has significantly increased over recent years. The proliferation of funds and their weight in terms of humanitarian financing has led to increased attention to their impact and potential, with several studies and lessons learnt exercises published.

A report commissioned by ICVA, called “Pooled Funding at a Crossroads” considers questions like: What does the current literature on pooled funds focus on? What are the lessons learnt? Are there any knowledge gaps? The report concludes there are still gaps in research and knowledge on this very important topic.

Drawing on the findings of this report, this event co-hosted by Switzerland, ICVA and HERE-Geneva invites NGOs, UN agencies and donors to reflect on the humanitarian pooled fund mechanisms and explore avenues to enhance the efficiency, impact of and access to pooled funds to the benefit of people affected by crisis.

Programme

09:00 – 09:30 Registration and coffee

09:30 – 09:45 Welcome and opening remarks by Barbara Dätwyler Scheuer, Head of Humanitarian Multilateral Affairs, Switzerland
Opening remarks by Mirela Shuteriqi, ICVA Executive Director (a.i.)



09:45 – 10:00	Presentation of the report, including main findings and possible ways forward for ICVA and its members by the authors
10:00 – 10:25	Remarks by key stakeholders (donor, UN, local partner)
10:25 – 10:55	Q&A and discussion moderated by Jeremy Rempel, ICVA Head of Humanitarian Finance
10:55 – 11:00	Closing remarks by ICVA and HERE-Geneva
